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SUBJECT: NEW SYG SELECTION PROCESS TO BEGIN JANUARY 27

1. (SBU) On January 12, Danish PermRep Per Poulsen-Hansen, acting in his role as Dean of the NATO PermReps, distributed a letter to colleagues proposing a meeting on January 27 to begin the process which will result in the selection of the next NATO Secretary General. (Note: Ambassador Volker will send via septel thoughts on handling this process.)

2. (SBU) The text of Poulsen-Hansen's letter is found below:

BEGIN TEXT:

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Enclosure

Date
12 January 2009

Dear Colleagues,

At our meeting on 30 September 2008 we agreed that I would get back to the procedure concerning the selection of candidate (sic) for the post of the future Secretary General after the New Year.

I propose that we hold the first meeting on this subject on Tuesday 27 January 2009 following the Secretary General's coffee.

Yours Sincerely

Per Poulsen-Hansen
Dean

END TEXT
VOLKER